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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SECOND

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Selectmen, Treasurer, Clerk, Road Commissioner, Su-
perintending School Committee, Superintendent
of Schools and Auditor

of the

Town of Bowdoinham

Incorporated 1762

POPULATION 1920, 1030

For the Year Ending February 10, 1924

STRONG, MAINE

J. L. Pinkerton, Printer

1924

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Town Officers for 1923

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

R. A. DICKINSON W. J. GRAVES B. B. DOUGLASS

Town Clerk

GEORGE F. DENHAM

Treasurer

GEORGE F. DENHAM

Road Commissioner

D. B. CORNISH

Collector of Taxes

PAUL AMES

Superintendent of Schools

ARTHUR L. TODD

School Board

C. E. HACKETT

C. L. BROWN

H. E. CORNISH

Fire Ward

C. H. McEWEN

Constable

E. S. LANCASTER

Health Officer

Dr. I. C. IRISH

Auditor

J. H. AMES

138973

Report of Selectmen

Valuation

| | | |
|----------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Real estate, resident | \$397190 00 | |
| " " nonresident | 66000 00 | |
| Personal estate, resident | 120825 00 | |
| " " nonresident | 17550 00 | |
| Total valuation | | 601565 00 |
| No. of polls | 279 | |
| Rate, \$39.50 per thousand | | |

Appropriations

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Repairs on Highways | \$2000 00 |
| " Bridges | 600 00 |
| " Sidewalks | 300 00 |
| Snow bills, 1923 | 3000 00 |
| Support of Poor | 700 00 |
| General Expense | 1200 00 |
| Electric Lights | 635 00 |
| Common Schools & Conveyance | 3800 00 |
| Text Books | 400 00 |
| Repairs on School Houses | 400 00 |
| Free High School | 2150 00 |
| Memorial Day | 35 00 |
| Care Soldier's Monument Lot | 10 00 |
| Int. on A. Q. Randall Fund | 131 84 |
| " Eliza Mustard " | 100 57 |
| " Bonded Debt | 100 00 |
| Payment Bond No. 12 | 500 00 |
| Salary Supt. of Schools | 375 00 |
| Cutting Bushes | 100 00 |
| State Aid Road | 533 00 |
| Boys & Girls Club | 35 00 |
| Maintenance State Highway | 450 00 |

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|-----------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Carr Field Playground | \$15 00 | |
| Chemical Engine Note | 300 00 | |
| Painting High School Building | 300 00 | |
| Repair of Improved State Aid Road | 110 00 | |
| State Tax | 4605 00 | |
| County " | 1034 71 | |
| Overlaying | 678 70 | |
| Total Commitment | | 24598 82 |

General Expense

| | | |
|--|---------|--|
| J. H. Ames Auditor | \$15 00 | |
| J. L. Pinkerton printing Town Reports | 85 00 | |
| Fred S. Rand printing | 4 75 | |
| Leslie Barrett driving hearse | 7 00 | |
| G. F. Denham exp. on Reports | 1 25 | |
| E. S. Lancaster expenses on Grant case | 5 00 | |
| Smith & Sale Co. Town books | 26 75 | |
| Loring, Short & Harmon Tax Deeds | 75 | |
| Leslie Barrett driving hearse | 5 00 | |
| N. E. T. & T. Co. telephoning | 20 | |
| C. W. Jack dating stamps | 1 23 | |
| Joseph M. Hall watering trough | 5 00 | |
| Paul Ames acct. salary | 70 00 | |
| P. A. Cannon supplies fire truck | 4 95 | |
| Eugene Temple labor on watering trough | 4 00 | |
| Jessie Ames services adding machine | 5 60 | |
| Leslie Barrett driving hearse | 7 00 | |
| G. F. Denham express | 1 75 | |
| John Keating watching fire | 3 50 | |
| Leslie Barrett driving hearse | 7 00 | |
| Elmer A. Jordan labor on fire engine | 3 75 | |
| Paul Ames acct. salary | 30 00 | |
| H. E. Cornish ballot clerk | 3 00 | |
| John Hysler care tramps | 10 00 | |
| I. M. Fowle ballot clerk | 3 00 | |

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|------------------------|----------------------------------|---------|
| A. Berry | watching millyard fire | \$10 50 |
| W. W. Brown | ballot clerk | 3 00 |
| U. G. Hulse | clearing auto wreck on State rd. | 2 00 |
| Leslie Barrett | driving hearse | 10 00 |
| Kennebec Lodge | office rent | 48 00 |
| " " | rent for chemical engine | 36 00 |
| E. L. Temple | fencing soldier's lot | 1 50 |
| I. C. Irish | Vital Statistics | 4 50 |
| " " | Health Officer | 10 00 |
| G. F. Denham | salary Town Clerk | 20 00 |
| " " | " Treasurer | 50 00 |
| " " | Vital Statistics | 15 00 |
| " " | stamps, stationery, etc. | 7 50 |
| Loring, Short & Harmon | order Book | 2 25 |
| Paul Ames | acct. salary | 70 00 |
| C. H. McEwen | labor at fires & on engine | 28 50 |
| " " | salary Fire Ward | 10 00 |
| " " | Fire Inspector | 15 00 |
| Town of Richmond | services at fire, Hodges | 19 00 |
| Leslie Barrett | driving hearse | 10 00 |
| E. S. Lancaster | Town Constable | 10 00 |
| | Truant Officer | 10 00 |
| | Ballot Clerk | 3 00 |
| Loring, Short & Harmon | book | 2 25 |
| B. B. Douglass | salary | 70 00 |
| J. E. Cornish | supplies fire extinguisher | 1 10 |
| Marshall Davis | janitor | 1 00 |
| L. P. Temple | acct. legal papers | 1 50 |
| W. B. Kendall | crew at fire | 18 71 |
| R. A. Dickinson | salary | 125 00 |
| " " | Town Agent | 10 00 |
| " " | supplies lockup | 1 45 |
| " " | half bbl. soda for chemical | 5 00 |
| V. H. Lowell | disinfectant | 60 |
| " " | supplies | 95 |
| " " | alcohol for engine | 90 |

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|-----------------|---------------------------|---------|---------|
| R. A. Dickinson | trucking, exp. etc. | \$6 88 | |
| Paul Ames | errors and abatements | 159 24 | |
| " " | discount on taxes | 182 78 | |
| " " | bal. collecting taxes | 196 14 | |
| " " | dog constable | 10 00 | |
| W. J. Graves | salary | 80 00 | |
| J. H. Ames | Auditor and legal writing | 16 50 | |
| Paul Ames | expense tax deeds | 11 50 | |
| | By Appropriation | | 1200 00 |
| | Overdrawn | | 409 73 |
| | | 1609 73 | 1609 73 |

Support of Poor

| | | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| H. W. Carr | wood for Mrs. Shepard | \$7 75 | |
| Francis Hutchins | board Harvey Preble | 120 00 | |
| James H. Blodgett | " Ida Dingley | 265 00 | |
| Alton Leonard | " Harvey Preble | 200 00 | |
| " " | " John Tibbetts | 120 00 | |
| R. A. Dickinson | supplies Mrs. Shepard | 68 98 | |
| J. E. Cornish | " " | 2 25 | |
| I. C. Irish | medical attendance " | 2 00 | |
| Unexpended | | 34 02 | |
| | By Appropriation | | 700 00 |
| | From A. E. Small board John Tibbetts | | 120 00 |
| | | 820 00 | 820 00 |

Town Hall Account

| | | |
|----------------------|-------------------|---------|
| Paid C. M. Power Co. | lights | \$14 54 |
| Eugene Temple | labor on stage | 23 09 |
| " " | steps | 18 85 |
| Irving Temple | janitor | 1 00 |
| Millay Bros. | wood | 11 00 |
| Irving Temple | putting up booths | 2 50 |
| " " | in wood | 1 00 |
| R. A. Dickinson | supplies | 9 67 |

Receipts above expenditures

\$12 35

94 00

94 00

Sidewalks

Paid G. F. McPherson

\$4 20

S. W. Pratt

22 68

D. B. Cornish

15 43

F. D. Averill

11 40

W. S. Carver

35 00

Wm. King

6 44

W. S. Carver

12 60

F. P. Webber

3 00

Clifford Heenie

2 80

Wm. King

7 00

E. P. Kendall

122 36

S. W. Pratt

5 60

F. A. Hackett

5 00

D. B. Cornish

55 50

R. A. Dickinson

7 08

By Appropriation

300 00

Overdrawn

16 09

316 09

316 09

Bridges

Paid G. F. McPherson

\$5 60

D. B. Cornish

16 99

W. S. Carver

8 68

E. L. Brown

10 00

Texas S. S. Co.

207 00

Perry Buxton Doan

50 40

Wm. King

10 64

F. P. Webber

25 00

E. L. Brown

7 56

Ira Allen

289 51

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|------------------|---------|---------|
| Paid M. D. Pratt | \$33 00 | |
| Eugene Temple | 5 00 | |
| F. P. Webber | 15 00 | |
| D. B. Cornish | 51 12 | |
| S. W. Wildes | 22 40 | |
| W. S. Carver | 10 20 | |
| D. B. Cornish | 14 73 | |
| F. P. Webber | 14 70 | |
| Clifford Heenie | 13 72 | |
| L. A. Sylvester | 166 00 | |
| Wm. King | 12 04 | |
| Clifford Heenie | 7 00 | |
| E. L. Temple | 4 30 | |
| Geo. H. Blair | 27 00 | |
| B. R. Temple | 40 81 | |
| L. A. Sylvester | 46 00 | |
| Robert Temple | 3 00 | |
| Studley Coughlin | 13 75 | |
| E. P. Kendall | 59 84 | |
| U. G. Hulse | 2 00 | |
| Leon Batchelder | 1 25 | |
| F. W. Carlton | 54 34 | |
| Arthur Verrill | 3 00 | |
| E. L. Brown | 2 50 | |
| E. L. Temple | 4 00 | |
| D. B. Cornish | 42 42 | |
| Wm. King | 12 00 | |
| F. P. Webber | 13 90 | |
| E. S. Lancaster | 3 00 | |
| J. E. Cornish | 12 58 | |
| R. A. Dickinson | 18 66 | |
| By Appropriation | | 600 00 |
| Overdrawn | | 760 64 |
| | 1360 64 | 1360 64 |
| Plank on hand | | 125 00 |

Street Lights

| | | |
|----------------------|--------------|--------|
| Paid C. M. Power Co. | \$586 56 | |
| Unexpended | 48 44 | |
| By Appropriation | | 635 00 |
| | <hr/> 635 00 | 635 00 |

Cutting Bushes

| | | |
|-------------------|--------------|--------|
| Paid A. B. Kelley | \$2 10 | |
| S. W. Pratt | 7 56 | |
| A. S. Siegars | 2 80 | |
| Unexpended | 87 54 | |
| By Appropriation | | 100 00 |
| | <hr/> 100 00 | 100 00 |

State Aid Road

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Paid Penn Metal Co. | \$205 40 | |
| S. W. Pratt | 34 72 | |
| Alton Leonard | 37 52 | |
| F. W. Webber | 58 83 | |
| S. A. Sylvester | 8 60 | |
| Chas. Philbrick | 69 30 | |
| Arthur Verrill | 71 44 | |
| R. A. Dickinson | 4 09 | |
| Clifford Heenie | 51 56 | |
| G. F. Fassett | 62 04 | |
| J. R. Hall | 26 32 | |
| J. M. Hall | 15 80 | |
| Leslie Barrett | 95 70 | |
| W. L. Dinsmore | 27 90 | |
| A. S. Temple | 39 60 | |
| Sherman Denham | 90 | |
| D. B. Cornish | 113 78 | |
| Edward Woodsum | 41 80 | |
| Wm. King | 38 94 | |
| D. B. Cornish | 3 00 | |
| Mrs. Anna Malier gravel and rocks | 18 45 | |
| Fred Thomas | 31 96 | |
| J. W. Bishop | 1 35 | |
| " " | 52 14 | |
| W. B. Kendall | 58 90 | |
| " " | 42 40 | |
| By Appropriation | | 533 00 |
| Recd. from State | | 676 87 |
| Overdrawn | | <u>2 57</u> |
| | 1212 44 | 1212 44 |

Improved State Aid Road

| | | |
|------------------|--------|--------|
| Paid S. W. Pratt | \$8 40 | |
| Wm. King | 24 08 | |
| F. P. Webber | 12 60 | |
| Chas. Philbrick | 12 24 | |
| Clifford Heenie | 14 00 | |
| G. F. Fassett | 6 60 | |
| J. R. Hall | 1 40 | |
| J. M. Hall | 1 20 | |
| Leslie Barrett | 13 20 | |
| Mary J. Morse | 9 00 | gravel |
| A. S. Temple | 6 60 | |
| John G. McLain | 3 00 | |
| D. B. Cornish | 39 30 | |
| Herbert Heath | 4 20 | |
| Frank Heath | 9 90 | |
| S. D. Cornish | 19 80 | |
| By Appropriation | | 110 00 |
| Recd. from State | | 92 58 |
| Unexpended | | 17 06 |
| | 202 58 | 202 58 |

Third Class Highway

| | |
|-----------------|---------|
| F. P. Webber | \$32 20 |
| Arthur Verrill | 48 18 |
| A. C. Carr | 42 00 |
| Clifford Heenie | 24 92 |
| Chas. Fogg | 84 48 |
| Edward Woodsum | 38 92 |
| M. D. Pratt | 22 40 |
| Myrick Heath | 55 44 |
| W. S. Carver | 2 80 |
| S. W. Wildes | 14 40 |
| Alton Leonard | 29 40 |

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|------------------------------|---------|--------------|
| Paid Leslie Barrett | \$73 92 | |
| " " | 5 28 | |
| Chas. Philbrick | 83 82 | |
| C. A. Newton | 14 00 | |
| Mrs. Sybil Briry gravel | 23 40 | |
| D. B. Cornish | 7 10 | |
| " " | 95 90 | |
| Penn Metal Co. | 79 60 | |
| Wilbur Douglass | 9 90 | |
| A. S. Temple | 39 60 | |
| Chas. Bass | 2 80 | |
| By Recd. from State | | 791 38 |
| Overdrawn | | <u>39 08</u> |
| | 830 46 | 830 46 |

Road Commissioner's Report

Highway

SUMMER

| | |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Paid C. M. Conant & Co. | \$10 00 |
| G. F. Denham | 84 |
| G. F. McPherson | 18 32 |
| Wm. King | 17 64 |
| E. L. Brown | 2 06 |
| D. B. Cornish | 101 37 |
| Leslie Barrett | 27 72 |
| S. W. Pratt | 7 56 |
| D. B. Cornish | 76 40 |
| Wm. King | 16 52 |
| Chas. Philbrick | 104 28 |

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|-----------------------|---------|
| Paid Raymond Tibbetts | \$6 44 |
| S. W. Pratt | 10 92 |
| W. S. Carver | 36 12 |
| Mary J. Morse | 10 00 |
| Leslie Barrett | 17 40 |
| E. L. Brown | 3 31 |
| D. B. Cornish | 78 93 |
| Wm. King | 5 32 |
| Chas. Philbrick | 69 30 |
| M. H. White | 22 96 |
| A. B. Kelley | 12 00 |
| John Hall | 1 65 |
| C. S. Hatch | 2 00 |
| E. D. & J. S. Cornish | 12 00 |
| John J. Garvin | 7 51 |
| Eugene Temple | 2 85 |
| S. W. Pratt | 8 40 |
| A. C. Carr | 32 76 |
| Dinsmore Hinkley | 20 80 |
| Mary J. Morse | 5 00 |
| F. P. Webber | 19 50 |
| D. B. Cornish | 73 13 |
| A. A. Williams | 8 40 |
| A. B. Warren | 28 20 |
| Chas. Philbrick | 52 80 |
| Alton Leonard | 14 00 |
| S. W. Wildes | 11 25 |
| W. S. Carver | 7 20 |
| C. A. Newton | 14 00 |
| Lewis Moore | 31 00 |
| D. B. Cornish | 32 32 |
| F. P. Webber | 7 20 |
| Clifford Heenie | 8 40 |
| Wm. King | 5 04 |
| A. C. Carr | 15 40 |
| F. D. Avery | 10 00 |
| E. D. Cornish | \$13 20 |

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|---------------------|---------|---------|
| Paid Henry Starbird | 8 71 | |
| J. M. Hall | 4 35 | |
| Leslie Barrett | 50 82 | |
| A. S. Siegars | 9 24 | |
| Chas. E. Lamoreau | 49 00 | |
| S. W. Wildes | 12 58 | |
| R. E. Patten | 4 20 | |
| John G. McLain | 3 70 | |
| C. E. Berry | 7 40 | |
| " " | 2 25 | |
| L. H. Lamoreau | 18 00 | |
| C. O. Buker | 32 28 | |
| W. L. Dinsmore | 15 00 | |
| Frank Hatch | 6 30 | |
| Robert Wallace | 25 20 | |
| W. H. Gould | 1 00 | |
| Fletcher White | 5 88 | |
| E. L. Brown | 10 00 | |
| C. F. Hill | 15 30 | |
| W. F. Purington | 10 00 | |
| C. M. Gray | 29 36 | |
| Geo. Thompson | 10 20 | |
| M. H. White | 14 10 | |
| Wm. King | 15 00 | |
| D. B. Cornish | 85 04 | |
| C. F. Lamoreau | 6 00 | |
| J. W. Bishop | 2 80 | |
| W. L. Dinsmore | 10 80 | |
| H. A. Witham | 4 25 | |
| M. D. Pratt | 18 20 | |
| R. A. Dickinson | 14 41 | |
| W. B. Kendall | 82 60 | |
| " " | 111 44 | |
| Ralph Coughlin | 3 00 | |
| Unexpended | 202 17 | |
| By Appropriation | | 2000 00 |
| | 2000 00 | 2000 00 |

WINTER

| | |
|-------------------|---------|
| Paid Myrick Heath | \$12 75 |
| Richard Brown | 4 74 |
| Lithco Allen | 8 33 |
| Charles Allen | 18 75 |
| Myrick Heath | 7 42 |
| Ralph Cunningham | 4 25 |
| Lithco Allen | 5 30 |
| Ira Allen | 16 00 |
| R. E. Tibbetts | 4 62 |
| A. Baker | 8 25 |
| Lawrence Hackett | 14 78 |
| W. W. Woodard | 16 00 |
| Clifford Smalley | 2 64 |
| A. Baker | 7 00 |
| Fred Pratt | 68 |
| " " | 2 00 |
| Ralph Cunningham | 12 00 |
| Walter Pratt | 68 |
| Walter E. Frye | 10 69 |
| Myrick Heath | 36 65 |
| R. A. Hogan | 5 53 |
| S. W. Wildes | 22 50 |
| Robert Fulton | 3 37 |
| F. D. Averill | 15 80 |
| Alton Leonard | 8 00 |
| Morris Pratt | 14 00 |
| Fred Cunningham | 13 75 |
| Chas. Bass | 18 45 |
| R. D. Hogan | 1 00 |
| H. W. Carr | 34 62 |
| D. B. Cornish | 61 00 |
| R. D. Hogan | 7 50 |
| Wm. King | 2 00 |
| Wallace Ames | 3 50 |
| Myrick Heath | 6 60 |
| Ralph Cunningham | 2 64 |

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|---------------------|--------|
| Paid Chas. Bass | \$7.00 |
| Dinsmore Hinkley | 6 60 |
| Lithco Allen | 7 50 |
| Robert McKenziey | 8 60 |
| H. A. Witham | 15 00 |
| „ „ | 39 25 |
| Leslie Barrett | 16 85 |
| „ „ | 5 00 |
| A. Baker | 2 00 |
| Frank Heath | 7 43 |
| S. W. Pratt | 4 00 |
| D. H. Graves | 12 00 |
| Wm. Leavitt | 7 00 |
| A. R. Warren | 5 00 |
| Paul Ames | 23 64 |
| Lawrence Small | 2 00 |
| R. D. Hogan | 4 00 |
| Lithco Allen | 3 00 |
| K. B. Almey | 9 45 |
| C. R. Allen | 2 00 |
| S. W. Pratt | 5 00 |
| A. F. & H. R. Heath | 60 20 |
| D. B. Cornish | 40 50 |
| Edwin Denham | 8 50 |
| Robert L. Simpson | 7 00 |
| Ernest E. Sylvester | 65 55 |
| Geo. H. Ordway | 2 00 |
| F. D. Jenkins & Son | 59 00 |
| Richard Brown | 4 00 |
| Lithco Allen | 4 75 |
| „ „ | 3 00 |
| Richard Brown | 4 00 |
| A. Baker | 2 00 |
| Richard Brown | 5 00 |
| Lithco Allen | 6 13 |
| E. N. Williams | 10 10 |
| Lithco Allen | 5 00 |

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|----------------------|---------|
| Paid H. D. Manwaring | \$74 25 |
| G. H. Hackett | 7 00 |
| Geo. F. Fassett | 40 10 |
| E. L. Brown | 8 00 |
| Millay Bros. | 122 27 |
| David Creasey | 3 00 |
| Sam Batchelder | 13 60 |
| C. E. Lamoreau | 144 50 |
| John Spittell | 8 55 |
| A. K. White | 6 90 |
| Wm. Williams | 4 00 |
| F. P. Webber | 22 00 |
| Sam Batchelder | 4 80 |
| R. E. Woodworth | 46 75 |
| Chas. Hamlet | 44 15 |
| E. L. Brown | 39 15 |
| R. E. Woodworth | 17 50 |
| C. W. Gray | 60 25 |
| Chas. Hamlet | 17 50 |
| Nathan Fowler | 37 40 |
| W. L. Dinsmore | 64 10 |
| G. A. Hackett | 67 33 |
| J. M. Hall | 58 36 |
| M. H. White | 50 30 |
| Ray Douglass | 3 08 |
| W. B. Williams | 6 30 |
| Joseph P. Dunn | 45 00 |
| Harold Rawlins | 14 40 |
| R. A. Douglass | 22 40 |
| C. F. Hill | 34 27 |
| C. E. Hill | 14 17 |
| C. S. Preble | 16 88 |
| Zina Maxwell | 39 24 |
| C. F. Lamoreau | 83 60 |
| V. H. Blenn | 21 15 |
| John Hall | 54 18 |

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|-----------------------|---------|
| Paid A. S. Borjerson | \$21 77 |
| M. D. Pratt | 39 50 |
| Bert C. Wood | 27 24 |
| E. G. Pert | 4 00 |
| C. S. Hatch | 35 00 |
| Leon Batchelder | 18 50 |
| E. D. & J. S. Cornish | 20 22 |
| " " " | 69 42 |
| C. L. Bodge | 10 00 |
| J. Hall Denham | 7 20 |
| W. J. Graves | 8 68 |
| A. C. Carr | 4 48 |
| G. S. Leavitt | 6 10 |
| J. R. Hall | 11 32 |
| A. C. Carr | 9 00 |
| F. P. Webber | 8 40 |
| H. L. Webber | 3 30 |
| Millay Bros. | 37 37 |
| Lovejoy Bros. | 6 97 |
| E. D. Buker | 4 45 |
| H. E. Powers | 6 05 |
| J. C. Dill | 20 38 |
| John Holden | 31 50 |
| Lewis Moore | 2 37 |
| H. F. Pyle | 21 50 |
| H. B. Alexander | 7 80 |
| Albert Henderson | 85 00 |
| G. A. Blodgett | 6 55 |
| A. S. Temple | 9 40 |
| N. Vachon | 13 68 |
| Lithco Allen | 5 60 |
| G. W. Thompson | 1 25 |
| A. S. Temple | 14 63 |
| J. A. Dunlap | 2 00 |
| Geo. Dinsmore | 10 50 |
| F. P. Huntley | 43 48 |

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|----------------------|----------|
| Paid J. P. Card | \$103 50 |
| " " | 33 75 |
| E. D. Cornish | 5 00 |
| Milton Given | 3 46 |
| B. R. Temple | 31 80 |
| A. S. Siegars | 16 06 |
| " " | 6 60 |
| S. W. Wildes | 3 50 |
| W. S. A. Maxwell | 5 75 |
| Wm. Miller | 1 34 |
| F. D. & F.C. Jenkins | 21 00 |
| R. E. Patten | 12 00 |
| R. C. Meserve | 1 35 |
| C. E. Berry | 109 00 |
| S. H. Lamoreau | 15 65 |
| C. O. Buker | 2 00 |
| H. H. Little | 2 90 |
| T. C. Little | 4 00 |
| Frank Heath | 2 58 |
| H. E. Jack | 12 80 |
| W. F. Purington | 28 75 |
| H. E. Cheney | 10 00 |
| Robert Wallace | 46 86 |
| B. C. Humphrey | 19 40 |
| Shirley Humphrey | 9 02 |
| R. K. Millay | 39 40 |
| Fred S. Merrifield | 27 00 |
| W. S. Given | 55 99 |
| W. H. Gould | 10 15 |
| C. F. Hill | 19 38 |
| D. H. Graves | 5 32 |
| Geo. Thompson | 21 50 |
| C. O. Purinton | 3 02 |
| T. S. Cobb | 16 25 |
| John Holden | 4 50 |
| T. H. Rogerson | 8 00 |

Paid J. G. McLain
 J. W. Bishop
 By Appropriation
 Overdrawn

| | |
|----------------|----------------|
| \$8 15 | |
| 11 00 | |
| | 3000 00 |
| | 582 51 |
| <u>3582 51</u> | <u>3582 51</u> |

Respectfully Submitted,

D. B. CORNISH, Road Commissioner

Report of Superintendent of Schools

To The Superintending School Committee and Citizens of Bowdoinham:

I hereby submit my first annual report of the condition and needs of the Bowdoinham school.

As I have only served as your superintendent for the past seven months, I am not able to give as detailed a report as could be given by one who is more familiar with the conditions. The greater part of my spare time has been devoted to a study of the existing conditions in order that I might learn where improvements were needed, and consequently few changes have been made. This year's report will consist of the usual written outline and financial summary. The tables of statistics have been omitted as very few if any of the citizens ever examine them.

First of all I wish to express my appreciation of the condition in which your former superintendent, Mr. Charles Snow, left his work. Every bill which he had contracted was paid, the records and reports were carefully and completely made out, and in addition he left for me a complete written outline of the conditions in this union and the plans which seemed most advisable to follow during the present school year. This latter courtesy involved much extra work on his part and I consider it not only as a token of personal friendship towards me, but an evidence of the deep interest he had in the welfare of the children in this union.

The high school opened this year with Mr. Lloyd Robinson of Island Falls as principal, and Miss Thelma Grover of Norway as assistant. Forty-two students were enrolled, good progress has been made, and the school associations are very pleasant and harmonious.

The town is fortunate in retaining three of last year's teachers in the grade schools: Miss Gladys Raymond of Bowdoinham in the Intermediate School; Miss Hattie Andros of Bowdoinham in the Primary School; and Miss Beryl Burnham of Wiscasset in

in the White & Ridge School. The new teachers were as follows Mrs. Edith Rowe of Bowdoinham in the Grammer School; Mrs. Nellie Sylvester of Bowdoinham in the Millay School, and Miss Doris Tate of Corinth in the Jellison School. Only one vacancy has occurred during the year when Miss Tate resigned from her position and was succeeded by Mrs. Ethel Littlefield of Bowdoinham.

The work in the grade schools with one exception has gone very smoothly and excellent progress has been made. In the Jellison School the work has been retarded and while it may be possible that some blame for this might be placed on the teacher and school officials- of whom I am willing to assume my share- I feel that the most of the responsibility rests upon the parents whose lack of cooperation made it very difficult for the children to do their work properly. As I have an interest in all the children I wish to ask the people, not only in this district but all over your town, to consider with me for a few moments the effect produced by trouble in a school and lack of cooperation on the part of parents. Any difficulty which produces a disregard of school laws and regulations on the part of the scholars does not injure the teacher or school officials even though it makes things unpleasant for all concerned. The teacher or school officials if dissatisfied with conditions can resign and in a very short time can secure a new and oftentimes better position, so no harm beyond a few weeks of idleness has been received by anyone except the children in the school. What harm has been done these children? First, a spirit of lawlessness has been implanted in these young minds which must be suppressed before the boys and girls so affected can become the right type of American citizens. The second injury received by the children is the loss of valuable time, both while the trouble exists and during the reconstruction period. From the preceding some people may think that I believe the parents should leave everything to the judgment of the school officials and teacher, and accept whatever may be done or allowed in or about the school without question or investigation. MOST ASSUREDLY NOT. There is not one

of us, parents, citizens, school officials, or teachers, but what has made more or less mistakes in his life, and what is more will continue to do so during the remainder of his earthly existence. Some of these mistakes may be made by wilful carelessness and neglect but the majority are caused by a misunderstanding or misinterpretation of conditions. So with the knowledge that "To err is human" ever before us, when a question arises in regard to unsatisfactory conditions in school, the opinion should not be founded upon what a little child may say but from a careful and personal investigation on the part of the parent. If after such an investigation the parent is convinced that conditions should be changed, the matter should be brought in a proper way before the school officials. If this is done you will find that the school officials will be willing to do everything possible to eliminate undesirable conditions. This should be done quietly on the part of both parents and school officials so that the work of the school will not receive much if any injury as the children will not know that a difficulty exists until the change has been accomplished.

On the other hand, however, if the parents talk over matters before and with the children and broadcast the real or suspected troubles over the community, the school is affected and no matter how efficient a teacher may be or how hard she may work, progress is impossible. So let us consider these matters thoughtfully and suppress any inclination towards lawlessness knowing that such if allowed will injure the very children in whose behalf the claim for better things is made. There is nothing personal intended by the foregoing remarks but it is a statement of conditions caused by the thoughtless not only in this town but in every town with which I have been connected. I cannot and do not believe that such conditions arise from a wilful desire to injure the children's future by retarding their work in the schools, but I believe that thoughtlessness does more harm in the world than anything else and so let us strive each and every one to overthrow this habit or tendency which is one of the so called "be-setting sins" of the human race.

The Bishop School has been closed and the few children re-

siding in this district are now conveyed to the village. This proves to be a better financial arrangement to the town than the maintenance of the school, and offers much better advantages to the children. The Ridge School was closed during the fall term and the children conveyed to the White School as such an arrangement was of less expense to the town. The unexpected advent of a new family upon the Ridge during the latter part of the fall term caused the committee to face the problem of either increasing the expenditure for conveyance or maintaining a school at the Ridge and conveying to it the scholars in the White district. The latter plan was adopted and it seems probable that no further change will be made during the remainder of the school year.

The transportation question is still the most disturbing element in rural communities. As the children are few and widely scattered it is only possible to obtain a satisfactory result by bringing them together in some school building the location of which would seem to offer the best advantages. Such conditions often require some necessary conveyance but many times transportation is unnecessary and if provided takes from the school funds money which should be expended in giving the children the desired education. Few people are familiar with the law relating to transportation and the many erroneous ideas lead to much unpleasantness and misunderstanding. In order that the people may get the correct idea of this phase of the school problem I wish to discuss the question with you. First of all let me state that THERE IS NO LEGAL OBLIGATION ON THE PART OF THE TOWN TO ANY TRANSPORTATION FOR THE CHILDREN UNDER ANY CONDITIONS WHATSOEVER. The only school law relating to the providing of conveyance states as follows: The superintendent of schools in each town shall procure the conveyance of all common school pupils residing in his town, a part or the whole of the distance, to and from the nearest suitable school, for the number of weeks for which schools are maintained in each year, when such pupils reside at such a distance from the said school as in the judgment

of the superintending school committee shall render such conveyance necessary." So many misunderstandings and difficulties in regard to this law have arisen through the State that the State Commissioner of Education, Dr. Augustus O. Thomas, in his last annual report made the following statement for the guidance and assistance of the town school officials. "At present our laws leave the question of transportation to the good judgment of the superintending school committee. Oftentimes the committee finds itself handicapped, very often patrons are unreasonable in their demands. It is probable that parents who live a mile and a half from school should provide their own means of conveyance. It is also probable that people who live more than two miles and a half from school should have financial consideration while all persons who live within the zone bounded by a radius of a mile and one-half and a radius of two miles and a half from school be left to the judgment and consideration of the committee. Such an arrangement would solve many of the problems which confront school committees and work out a reasonable solution for this most perplexing problem."

This year the Coombs High School has not only been given the much needed painting and repairs upon the outside but the interior of the high school room has been repaired and made much more attractive. All the bills have been paid and a balance of \$34.00 from the special appropriation of \$300.00 remains in the treasury. The pump in the school yard which was continually out of repair has been replaced by one better suited to the needs. The old locks upon the doors which have given trouble for several years have been repaired so that the building can be closed against the intrusion of unauthorized persons. The school buildings at the Millay and White districts have been painted and given other necessary repairs. During the coming year many repairs need to be made but as we have a balance unexpended of \$460.14, I think that \$200.00 in addition would meet the necessary expenditures. The heating apparatus at the high school still proves unsatisfactory even in the hands of the present exceedingly efficient janitor, and I think it would be advisable for some

man who deals in or is familiar with heating plants to inspect the heating conditions in the building, and give the committee advice regarding the necessary repairs or changes and estimate the cost of the same. If this were done something definite could be presented for the town's consideration at the annual meeting next year.

There are three or four old school buildings in the town which are in a dilapidated condition and fast going down in decay. It is doubtful if schools ever will be resumed in these districts and even if they were I do not believe it would be advisable to attempt the necessary repairs. Under these conditions I think it would be well for the town to authorize the school committee to sell any or all of these buildings whenever any reasonable offer can be obtained.

During the past year the schools have received \$220.00 from the State Equalization Fund in addition to that received from the regular State School Fund. During the coming year we will not receive any assistance from the Equalization Fund on account of our school and municipal tax rates being below the average of all the towns in the state. The Equalization Fund is distributed to towns whose municipal tax rate is in excess of a rate which is three mills less than the average of such rates for all the towns of the state, and the rate for school purposes is also in excess of the average throughout the state. The averages upon which the Equalization Fund will be distributed in Dec. 1924 are as follows: school rate, .0106; municipal rate, .0428. Bowdoinham's school rate for the year just ending- upon which rates the fund is distributed- is .0100, and the municipal rate is .0395.

The school committee and superintendent have studied the school affairs very carefully and have compared the school conditions and expenditures in this town with those of many other towns in this vicinity having approximately the same population and valuation. It is interesting to note that a majority of other towns are doing more for the real education of the children than is being done in your town, and it is with the desire that we may be able to give the children of Bowdoinham an education

that will enable them to compete successfully in life with children coming from other towns in the state that we recommend the following appropriations: Common Schools, \$4000.00; High School \$2150.00; Text Books & Supplies, \$500.00; Repairs, \$200.00. This makes a total of \$6850.00 for school purposes or \$100.00 more than was appropriated for the same departments last year, but we are not asking for any special appropriation this year and this brings the total of recommendations \$200.00 less than those of last March.

The teachers and superintendent are working upon an outline for a course of study in the grade schools which will closely follow the State Course of Study and yet be especially adapted for the needs of your town. When this has been prepared and tested it will be presented to the superintending school committee for consideration and approval.

My relations with the committee and citizens have been most cordial. The committee and superintendent have worked as a unit. Varied opinions have arisen in our meetings and different views have entered into our arguments, yet when a decision was reached each and every one has done all in his power to make the project a success, and in this way we have enjoyed harmony and every vote has had behind it the unanimous support of the school officials.

In closing I wish to thank the citizens for their support of the schools and the many personal acts of kindness towards me, the committee for its willing cooperation and assistance, the teachers for their unswerving loyalty both to their duties and to officials, and the children for their efforts to improve their opportunities and their friendliness towards me which makes my visits to the schools a pleasure. Let us work together for the benefit of the children in your town for the future of the town, state, and nation depends upon the training given to the children now enrolled in our schools and we must do our part or the link in American citizenship which we are contributing will be weak and untrustworthy. My term expires next June and if I should not be with you another year, I assure you that my interest in

your children will not cease and I hope that all of us as citizens, school officials, teachers, or scholars will always remember that we can only have successful schools when we take for our watch word COOPERATION.

Respectfully Submitted,

ARTHUR L. TODD,

Superintendent of Schools

Selectmen's Report Continued**Superintendent of Schools**

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------|--------|
| Paid Salary Superintendent of Schools | \$375 00 | |
| By Appropriation | | 375 00 |

Interest on Bonded Debt

| | | |
|------------------|----------|--------|
| Paid Coupons | \$100 00 | |
| By Appropriation | | 100 00 |

Memorial Day Fund

| | | |
|-----------------------|---------|-------|
| Paid Geo. H. Blodgett | \$35 00 | |
| By Appropriation | | 35 00 |

Care Soldier's Lot

| | | |
|------------------|---------|-------|
| Expended | \$10 00 | |
| By Appropriation | | 10 00 |

Boy's and Girl's Club

| | | |
|------------------|---------|-------|
| Expended | \$35 00 | |
| By Appropriation | | 35 00 |

Patrol Maintenance

| | | |
|-------------------|----------|--------|
| Expended by State | \$449 40 | |
| Unexpended | 60 | |
| By Appropriation | | 450 00 |

Carr Play Ground

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|------------------|---------|-------|
| Paid R. W. Carr | \$15 00 | |
| By Appropriation | | 15 00 |

Payment Bond No. 12

| | | |
|-------------------------|----------|--------|
| Paid per Geo. F. Denham | \$500 00 | |
| By Appropriation | | 500 00 |

State Pensions

| | | |
|-------------------------|----------|--------|
| Paid per Geo. F. Denham | \$373 00 | |
| Received from State | | 373 00 |

Sheep Killed by Dogs

| | | |
|-----------------|---------|-------|
| Paid J. P. Card | \$40 00 | |
| W. B. Kendall | 50 00 | |
| Due from State | | 90 00 |

Chemical Engine Note

| | | |
|-------------------------|----------|--------|
| Paid per Geo. F. Denham | \$300 00 | |
| By Appropriation | | 300 00 |

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Financial Statement For The Year Ending Feb. 9, 1924

COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Resources

| | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|---------|
| Balance unexpended Feb. 10, 1923 | \$779 36 | |
| Town appropriation | 3800 00 | |
| State School Fund | 1323 42 | |
| State Equalization Fund | 120 00 | |
| Total | | 6022 78 |

Disbursements

Teacher's Salaries

| | | |
|-------------------|----------|---------|
| Helen McFadden | \$306 00 | |
| Edith Rowe | 340 00 | |
| Gladys Raymond | 628 00 | |
| Hattie Andros | 590 00 | |
| Beryl Burnham | 532 00 | |
| Helen Hackett | 252 00 | |
| Nellie Sylvester | 280 00 | |
| Doris Bickmore | 266 00 | |
| Neil Bishop | 252 00 | |
| Doris Tate | 238 00 | |
| Ethel Littlefield | 42 00 | |
| Total | | 3726 00 |

Janitor's Wages

| | | |
|------------------|---------|--------|
| Raymond Blodgett | \$88 00 | |
| William Carver | 80 00 | |
| Raymond Vachon | 22 00 | |
| William Weymouth | 18 00 | |
| Nellie Sylvester | 14 00 | |
| Beryl Burnham | 11 00 | |
| Lorraine Heenie | 7 70 | |
| Fred Pauling | 7 00 | |
| Total | | 247 70 |

Fuel

| | |
|---------------------|----------|
| The W. S. Given Co. | \$181 87 |
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|------------------|--------|
| S. M. Wildes | 80 00 |
| Chas. H. Fisher | 42 50 |
| Millay Bros. | 30 00 |
| T. N. Williams | 16 50 |
| Bert C. Wood | 16 25 |
| Robert Wallace | 12 00 |
| Milton Given | 9 00 |
| Chas. Blodgett | 6 23 |
| William Weymouth | 2 50 |
| Lorraine Heenie | 2 15 |
| Total | 399 00 |

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|-------------------|------------|
| | Conveyance |
| Charles Berry | \$206 50 |
| M. D. Pratt | 200 00 |
| E. L. Emerson | 158 00 |
| Mrs. Mary Heath | 150 00 |
| C. W. Gray | 117 00 |
| Robert Wallace | 72 00 |
| Mrs. G. Manwaring | 54 00 |
| Total | 957 50 |

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| | Tuition |
| Town of Topsham | \$72 00 |
| " Richmond | 38 00 |
| Total | 110 00 |

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| Total disbursements for Teachers, Janitors, Fuel, Conveyance, and Tuition | \$5440 20 |
| Balance unexpended, Feb. 9, 1924 | 582 58 |
| | <hr/> 6022 78 |

HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| Resources | |
| Balance unexpended Feb. 10, 1923 | \$413 58 |
| Town Appropriation | 2150 00 |
| Town of Bowdoin, tuition | 383 75 |

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|---|--------------------|---------------|
| State School Fund | \$500 00 | |
| Total | | 3447 33 |
| Disbursements | Teacher's Salaries | |
| Frank Chamberlain | \$749 88 | |
| Lloyd Robinson | 833 23 | |
| Emily Pendleton | 424 99 | |
| Thelma Grover | 472 23 | |
| Total | 2480 33 | |
| | Janitor's Wages | |
| Raymond Blodgett | \$56 00 | |
| William Carver | 82 00 | |
| Total | | 138 00 |
| | Fuel | |
| The W. S. Given Co. | \$181 87 | |
| Charles Fisher | 42 50 | |
| T. N. Williams | 16 50 | |
| Bert C. Wood | 10 00 | |
| Charles Blodgett | 6 22 | |
| Total | | 257 09 |
| Total disbursements for Teachers, Janitors, and Fuel | | \$2875 42 |
| Balance unexpended Feb. 9, 1924 | | <u>571 91</u> |
| | | 3447 33 |

TEXT BOOK & SUPPLY ACCOUNT

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|--------|
| Resources | | |
| Balance unexpended Feb. 10, 1923 | \$22 13 | |
| Town appropriation | 400 00 | |
| Sale of material | 2 00 | |
| State Equalization Fund for Library | 100 00 | |
| Total | | 524 13 |
| Disbursements | | |
| American Book Co. | \$115 00 | |
| C. E. Walmsley | 50 06 | |
| Silver, Burbett & Co. | 36 22 | |

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|---------------------------------|-------|--------------|
| Milton Bradley Co. | 26 01 | |
| A. N. Palmer Co. | 24 62 | |
| Charles Snow | 22 40 | |
| The Macmillan Co. | 21 91 | |
| Starkey & Toner | 21 85 | |
| D. C. Heath & Co. | 20 25 | |
| J. L. Hammett Co. | 14 84 | |
| R. A. Dickinson | 12 58 | |
| Frank Preble | 10 00 | |
| Howard & Brown | 9 56 | |
| Arthur L. Todd | 9 16 | |
| World Book Co. | 8 20 | |
| E. E. Babb & Co. | 6 58 | |
| Newell White | 3 75 | |
| Hinds, Hayden & Eldredge | 2 62 | |
| Kenney Bros. & Wolkins | 2 48 | |
| W. F. Dunham | 2 25 | |
| Houghton, Mifflin & Co. | 1 86 | |
| Maine Public Health Association | 1 59 | |
| J. E. Cornish | 1 10 | |
| J. L. Temple | 90 | |
| Total | | 425 79 |
| Balance unexpended Feb. 9, 1924 | | <u>98 34</u> |
| | | 524 13 |

Of the above expenditures \$198.86 was expended for the high school, and \$226.93 for common schools. The above balance must be expended for the purpose for which it was given by the State Equalization Fund and cannot be used for general purposes.

REPAIR ACCOUNT

Resources

| | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|--------|
| Balance unexpended Feb. 10, 1923 | \$274 93 | |
| Sale of material | 5 00 | |
| Town appropriation | 400 00 | |
| Total | | 679 93 |

Disbursements

| | | |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------------|
| Eaton Hardware Co. | \$48 00 | |
| U. G. Hulse | 29 08 | |
| Rogers Bros. | 27 58 | |
| Chas. F. Staples | 22 95 | |
| T. M. Millay | 17 00 | |
| J. E. Cornish | 14 34 | |
| R. A. Dickinson | 7 83 | |
| William Weymouth | 6 00 | |
| Robert Wallace | 6 00 | |
| Mrs. Erminie Wallace | 5 00 | |
| Raymond Blodgett | 5 00 | |
| J. L. Temple | 4 62 | |
| Frank C. Given | 4 20 | |
| C. H. Farley & Co. | 4 10 | |
| The Brunswick Coal Co. | 2 52 | |
| C. W. Gray | 1 00 | |
| American Railway Express | 66 | |
| J. G. C. Farnham | 60 | |
| C. M. Power Co. | 13 31 | |
| Total | | 219 79 |
| Balance unexpended Feb. 9 1924 | | <u>460 14</u> |
| | | 679 93 |

PAINTING HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

Resources

| | | |
|--------------------|----------|--------|
| Town Appropriation | \$300 00 | |
| Sale of paint | 28 55 | |
| Total | | 328 55 |

Disbursements

| | | |
|---------------------------------|----------|--------------|
| Eaton Hardware Co. | \$113 65 | |
| Robert Fulton | 98 00 | |
| C. T. Staples | 66 50 | |
| J. E. Cornish | 9 90 | |
| J. L. Temple | 6 50 | 294 55 |
| Balance unexpended Feb. 9, 1924 | | <u>34 00</u> |
| | | 328 55 |

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1924-1925

The Superintending School Committee and Superintendent after a careful consideration of the needs of the schools of Bowdoinham recommend the following appropriations for the municipal year of 1924-1925:

| | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|---------|
| Common Schools | \$4000 00 | |
| High School | 2150 00 | |
| Text Books & Supplies | 500 00 | |
| Repairs | 200 00 | |
| Total | | 6850 00 |

Respectfully Submitted,

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| C. E. Hackett | } | Superintending School Committee |
| C. L. Browne | | |
| H. E. Cornish | | |

Tax Collector's Report

For the Year 1921-1922

| | |
|--------------------------|--------|
| Amount of taxes due 1921 | \$6 00 |
| Paid Treasurer | 6 00 |
| Amount of taxes due 1922 | 98 65 |
| Paid Treasurer | 98 65 |
| Feb. 10, 1924 | |

Respectfully Submitted,
Geo. H. Hackett, Collector

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT 1923

| | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| Committed in 1923 | \$24599 63 | |
| Supplementary | 203 58 | 24803 21 |
| Paid Treasurer | <u>24256 82</u> | |
| Tax deeds | 114 55 | |
| Errors and Abatements | 159 24 | |
| Discount on taxes paid by Aug. 1, 1923 | 182 78 | |
| Uncollected taxes 1923 | <u>89 82</u> | <u>24803 21</u> |

Delinquent Tax Payers 1923

| | | |
|-------------------|-------------|--------------|
| C. P. Bates | \$23 74 | |
| Richard Brown | 3 00 | |
| Chas. E. Fickett | 5 57 | |
| Wm. King | 3 00 | |
| A. Lincoln | 8 93 | |
| Fred Pratt | 3 00 | |
| Ewin Woodsum | 3 99 | |
| Samuel Wildes | 12 68 | |
| H. A. Witham | 14 85 | |
| Mrs. C. E. Witham | 3 16 | |
| Mary J. Chipman | <u>7 90</u> | <u>89 82</u> |

Respectfully Submitted,
PAUL AMES, Collector

Report of Treasurer

Geo. F. Denham, Treas. in Account with Town of Bowdoinham

| | Debit | 1923 |
|---|-------|-----------|
| To Cash in Treasury Feb. 10, 1923 | | \$2436 25 |
| Nov. 15 C. A. Snow, sale stove & other material | | 7 00 |
| V. H. Lowell license fire works | | 1 00 |
| R. S. Warren license pool table | | 10 00 |
| Apr. 27 Horatio Hall Town loan | | 1500 00 |
| State Treasurer, State Aid | | 372 00 |
| " " dependent mothers | | 12 16 |
| " " tax on bank stock | | 229 63 |
| L. J. Brown tax deed and interest year 1922 | | 45 34 |
| Town of Bowdoin tuition | | 413 75 |
| Federal Mutual Ins. Co. damage hall steps | | 18 85 |
| Mrs. S. F. Williams acct. tax 1914 | | 5 00 |
| Use of hearse Henry Gillispie | | 7 00 |
| Bowdoinham C. of C. int. on chemical eng. note | | 65 00 |
| Geo. Sampson board Edw. Sampson | | 75 00 |
| State Treasurer Highway dept. | | 791 38 |
| Walter Crocket rent engine house | | 16 00 |
| State Treasurer dog license refunded | | 60 97 |
| " " State and School Fund | | 1823 42 |
| " " R. R. and Tel. tax | | 113 60 |
| Town Clerk dog license | | 80 00 |
| State Treasurer Commis. of Agriculture | | 220 00 |
| " " State Aid Highway | | 92 58 |
| " " Imp. State Highway | | 676 87 |
| Mrs. John Malier for paint stock | | 28 55 |
| A. E. Small board John Tibbets | | 120 00 |
| Town Hall | | 94 00 |
| G. H. Hackett tax 1921 | | 6 00 |
| " " " 1922 | | 98 65 |
| Use of hearse | | 7 00 |
| Paul Ames collector | | 24256 82 |

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|---------------------|------------------|
| Paul Ames tax deeds | \$114 55 |
| " " overpaid | 27 17 |
| " " abatements | 159 24 |
| " " discounts | 182 78 |
| | <hr/> \$34167 56 |

Credit

| | | |
|---------|---|----------------|
| Aug. 9 | By Paid Benj. Adams insurance town property | \$70 02 |
| 18 | Lottie M. Cobb chemical engine note | 300 00 |
| | interest on " notes | 65 00 |
| 12 | Maintenance State patrol | 449 40 |
| Oct. 4 | Edwin Denham bond no. 12 | 500 00 |
| 8 | Benj. Adams insurance high school building | 140 00 |
| 27 | Horatio Hall interest on loan | 45 00 |
| Nov. 14 | Town of Bowdoin tax | 1 31 |
| 30 | State tax | 4607 00 |
| Dec. 12 | County tax | 1034 71 |
| | State Treasurer dog licenses | 80 00 |
| Jan. 18 | Benj. Adams town loan | 500 00 |
| | int. " | 45 50 |
| Feb. 6 | Tax deeds 1923 | 114 55 |
| | Paul Ames coll. cash overpaid | 27 17 |
| Jan. 13 | Hattie A. Hackett note and interest | 525 50 |
| | G. H. Hackett " " | 525 50 |
| | State Treasurer care neglected children | 52 00 |
| Feb. | Horatio Hall town notes and interest | 1527 50 |
| | Town orders | 22942 03 |
| | Cash in Treas. Feb. 10, 1924 | 615 37 |
| | | <hr/> 34167 56 |

Respectfully Submitted,

GEO. F. DENHAM, Treasurer

Geo. F. Denham Treas. in Account with A. Q. Randall Fund

Debit

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| To Note in Treasury | \$2791 78 | |
| " " | 504 41 | |
| Cash in Treasury Feb. 10, 1923 | 131 93 | |
| Interest on Notes | 131 84 | 3559 96 |

Credit

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| By Note in Treasury | \$2791 78 | |
| " " | 504 41 | |
| Paid Deserving Poor | 130 00 | |
| Cash in Treasury Feb. 10, 1924 | 133 77 | 3559 96 |

Respectfully Submitted,
Geo. F. Denham, Treas.

Geo. F. Denham, Treas. in Account with Eliza Mustard Fund

Debit

| | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| To Note in Treas. Feb. 10, 1923 | \$2514 32 | |
| Cash Bath Savings Institution | 454 66 | |
| Cash in Treas. Feb. 10, 1923 | 101 09 | |
| Interest on Note | 100 57 | |
| " Bath Savings Institution | 18 34 | 3188 98 |

Credit

| | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| By Note in Treas. | \$2514 32 | |
| Cash in Bath Savings Institution | 454 66 | |
| Paid Deserving Poor | 100 00 | |
| By Cash in Treas. Feb. 10, 1924 | 120 00 | 3188 98 |

Respectfully Submitted,
Geo. F. Denham, Treas.

Geo. F. Denham, Treas. in Account with Rachel Dunning Fund

| Debit | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|---------|--|
| To Cash in Augusta Savings Bank | \$3030 00 | | |
| " Treasury Feb. 10, 1923 | 160 91 | | |
| Int. from Augusta Savings Bank | 122 40 | 3313 31 | |
| Credit | | | |
| By Cash in Augusta Savings Bank | \$3030 00 | | |
| Paid Deserving Poor | \$152 05 | | |
| Cash in Treas. Feb. 10, 1924 | 131 26 | 3313 31 | |
| Respectfully Submitted, | | | |
| Geo. F. Denham, Treas. | | | |

Geo. F. Denham, Treas. in Account with Noble Maxwell Fund

| Debit | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|---------|--|
| To Cash in Bath Savings Institution | \$2080 80 | | |
| Cash in Treas. Feb. 10, 1923 | 55 75 | | |
| Int. from Bank Feb. 10, 1924 | 80 80 | 2217 35 | |
| Credit | | | |
| By Cash in Bath Savings Institution | \$2080 80 | | |
| " Treas. Feb. 10, 1924 | 136 55 | 2217 35 | |
| Respectfully Submitted, | | | |
| Geo. F. Denham, Treas. | | | |

Geo. F. Denham in Account with Lewis M. Fulton Trust Fund

| Debit | | | |
|-------------------------------|----------|--------|--|
| To Cash in Bank Feb. 10, 1923 | \$144 34 | | |
| Accrued Int. | 2 78 | 147 12 | |
| Credit | | | |
| By Paid Earl Blodgett | \$5 00 | | |
| " Raymond Blodgett | 5 00 | | |
| Amt. in Bank Feb. 10, 1924 | 137 12 | 147 12 | |
| Respectfully Submitted, | | | |
| Geo. F. Denham, Treas. | | | |

In preparing the following recommendations for appropriations at the annual meeting we have considered first the assessed value of property—which will probably be slightly less than last year—second, the needs and estimates of the departments, and third the best interests of the town.

Last year attention was called to the condition of our bridges and the advisability of repairing at least one each year until they are brought into fair condition. The estimates this year are made to cover repairs on the Cathance River bridge (by Kendall's mill)

The following appropriations are recommended. The total of these will be less than the amount appropriated last year and with about the same State and County Tax should mean a tax rate at least no higher than that of 1923.

| | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| (a) Repair of Highways | \$2000 00 | |
| " Bridges | 1500 00 | |
| " Sidewalks | 200 00 | |
| State Aid Road | 1066 00 | |
| Maintenance State Highway | 450 00 | |
| Repair State Aid Highway | 110 00 | |
| Cutting bushes | 50 00 | |
| Snow bills 1923 | 500 00 | 5876 00 |
| (b) Common Schools | 4000 00 | |
| High School | 2150 00 | |
| Text Books | 500 00 | |
| Repair School Houses | 200 00 | 6850 00 |
| (c) Support of Poor | 700 00 | |
| General Expense | 1500 00 | |
| Electric Lights | 625 00 | |
| School Bond (12) | 500 00 | |
| Int. " " | 80 00 | |
| Note Fire Engine | 300 00 | |
| Int. on " " note | 50 00 | |
| Payment on A. Q. Randall note | 300 00 | |
| Interest " " Fund | 131 84 | |
| " Eliza Mustard " | 100 57 | |
| Salary Supt. of Schools | 375 00 | |

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| Memorial Day | \$35 00 | |
| Rent of Play Ground | 15 00 | |
| Boys' & Girls' Agricultural Club | 35 00 | 4747 41 |

SUMMARY

| | Appropriated | | Recommended |
|---------------|--------------|----------|-------------|
| | 1922 | 1923 | 1924 |
| Highway Dept. | \$5633 | \$7093 | \$5876 |
| School Dept. | 7850 | 6750 | 6850 |
| Miscellaneous | 4737 41 | 4417 41 | 4747 41 |
| Total | 18220 41 | 18260 41 | 17473 41 |

Feb. 18, 1924

Committee on Appropriations

Financial Statement

Liabilities

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| A. Q. Randall Fund note 4 per ct. | \$2791 70 | |
| " " " | 504 41 | |
| Eliza Mustard " " | 2514 32 | |
| Bonded Debt | 2000 00 | |
| Chemical Engine notes | 1000 00 | 8810 43 |

Resources

| | | |
|---|----------|---------|
| Road Machine | \$200 00 | |
| Wood Lot | 50 00 | |
| Mothers' Aid due from State & Hallowell | 144 33 | |
| Lumber on hand | 125 00 | |
| Due from Paul Ames | 89 82 | |
| Cash in Treasury | 615 37 | 1224 52 |
| Liabilities above resources | | 7585 91 |

Respectfully Submitted,

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| R. A. Dickinson | } | Selectmen |
| W. J. Graves | | |
| B. B. Douglass | | |

Auditor's Report

Feb. 21, 1924

I hereby certify that I have audited the official books of the Town of Bowdoinham, Maine, for the year 1923—1924 and find the financial standing of the town truly set forth in the statement given, proper vouchers for all monies paid out, the books correctly kept and balances properly cast.

Respectfully Submitted,

JAMES H. AMES, Auditor

Report of Town Clerk

Births Registered in Bowdoinham, Maine, for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1923

| Date | Name of Child | Sex | Name of Parents |
|------------|-----------------------|--------|---------------------------------|
| January 14 | Mary Elizabeth | Female | Frank and Flora E. Rossi |
| February 2 | Frank Stanley | Male | Carleton E. and Hattie R. Adams |
| May 16 | Rosa Elizabeth Louise | Female | Lithco and Elizabeth B. Allen |
| July 11 | Elizabeth | Female | John P. and Bertha Jewell |
| August 9 | Linwood Earl | Male | George A. and Ethel Hackett |
| " 11 | Roberta H. | Female | Ernest S. and Mabel Lancaster |
| October 2 | Florence Mildred | Female | Frank L. and Lucy W. Johnston |
| Nov. 9 | Gwendolyn Verna | Female | Vernon H. and Myrtle Lowell |
| " 11 | Keith Grozier | Male | Samuel E. and Beulah Williams |
| " 30 | Margaret Rosaline | Female | Walter and Hattie M. Read |
| Dec. 16 | Betty Jane | Female | Louis J. and Evelyn L. Paradis |
| " 28 | Harry James | Male | Carl L. and Maxamilla Brawn |

Deaths Registered in Bowdoinham, Maine, for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1923

| Date | Name | Age | | | Cause of Death |
|------------|---------------------|-------|------|------|----------------------------|
| | | years | mos. | days | |
| January 10 | George H. Hatch | 70 | 6 | 11 | Chronic Nephritis |
| February 2 | Melissa A. Hopkins | 79 | 2 | 22 | Pneumonia |
| " 4 | Daniel S. Jaques | 89 | 6 | 29 | Old Age |
| " 5 | Lucinda E. Given | 32 | 4 | 11 | Pneumonia |
| " 6 | Robert Earl Johnson | 1 | 2 | 27 | Pneumonia |
| " 13 | Alton C. Small | 53 | 11 | 1 | Peritonitis |
| " 15 | Lorette St. Perre | 1 | 2 | 7 | Influenza |
| " 18 | Lorenzo D. Small | 82 | 5 | 10 | Old Age |
| March 13 | Mary J. Allen | 67 | 10 | 17 | Bronchial Pneumonia |
| " 21 | Sarah B. Grant | 68 | | | Bronchial Pneumonia |
| April 14 | Eliza Meads | 74 | 6 | 14 | Mitral Insufflncy |
| May 1 | Winifred Smalley | 32 | 7 | 4 | Cerebral Spinal Meningitis |
| " 15 | John Eisan | 69 | 7 | 18 | Cancer of Stomach |
| June 14 | Annie L. Batchelder | 76 | 2 | 14 | Cerebral Apoplexy |
| " 18 | Clinton T. Bodge | 69 | 5 | 2 | Heart Disease |
| July 31 | Elizabeth J. Minot | 79 | 7 | 2 | Cerebral Hemorrhage |
| Dec. 10 | Elizabeth Bates | 60 | 10 | 29 | Cancer of Stomach |

Marriages Registered in Bowdoinham, Me. for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1923

| Date | | Contracting Parties |
|-------|----|---|
| April | 14 | William J. Gillis and Mary D. Grady both of Bowdoinham |
| June | 1 | Carl L. Brawn and Maxamilla F. Purington both of Bowdoinham |
| " | 6 | Raymond E. Rendall of Alfred and Elsie M. Dickinson of Bowdoinham |
| " | 16 | Clifford S. Smalley and Irene B. Leavitt both of Bowdoinham |
| " | 23 | Robert K. Millay of Bowdoinham and Ruth Brown of Litchfield |
| " | 28 | Wilbur M. Small and Edna E. Gray both of Bowdoinham |
| July | 9 | Howard E. Sewall of Bowdoinham and Ruth M. Small of Auburn |
| " | 27 | George F. MacPherson and Esther E. Perry both of Bowdoinham |
| Aug. | 4 | Carl L. Orcutt and Dorothy Langley both of Bowdoinham |
| " | 4 | John J. Morton of Barre, Mass., and Luona F. Sylvester of Bowdoinham |
| " | 9 | John J. Malier and Annie S. Beals both of Bowdoinham |
| Sept. | 5 | Artemus Meads and Marcia B. Adams both of Bowdoinham |
| " | 26 | George A. Cour of So. Coventry, Ct. and Bertha O. Hackett of Bowdoinham |
| Nov. | 7 | William M. Brown of Bowdoinham and Agnes M. Swanson of Bowdoin |
| Dec. | 15 | Giles H. Manwaring of Bowdoinham and Vesta E. Dorr of Litchfield |

Respectfully Submitted,

GEO. F. DENHAM, Town Clerk

Town Warrant

STATE OF MAINE, SAGADAHOC SS.

To Ernest S. Lancaster, a constable in the town of Bowdoinham in the County of Sagadahoc.

Greeting:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Bowdoinham qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet and assemble at the Town House in said Town on Monday, the third day of March, A. D. 1924 at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, to wit:

- Art. 1 To choose a Moderator to preside over said meeting.
- Art. 2 To hear the reports of all town officers,
- Art. 3 To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.
- Art. 4 To choose all other town officers except Collector, viz:
three Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor,
Town Agent, one member of the School Board, Treasurer and other minor officers.
- Art. 5 To choose a Road Commissioner for the ensuing year.
- Art. 6 To see what per centum the town will pay for the collection of its taxes.
- Art. 7 To choose a Collector of Taxes.
- Art. 8 To see if the town will elect a Town Auditor.
- Art. 9 To see what sums of money the town will raise for the ensuing year for:

- Repair of Highways
- Repair of Bridges
- Repair of Sidewalks
- Maintenance of State Highway
- Repair of State Aid Road
- Cutting bushes.
- Snow bills 1923-4
- Common School (conveyance, etc.)
- Free High School
- Text Books

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Repair of School Houses | |
| Support of Poor | |
| General Expense | |
| Electric Lights | |
| Bond No. 12 | \$500 00 |
| Interest on School bonds | 80 00 |
| Note, Fire Engine | 300 00 |
| Int. " " note | 50 00 |
| Payment on A. Q. Randall note | |
| Interest " " fund | 131 84 |
| " Eliza Mustard " | 100 57 |
| Salary Supt. of Schools | 375 00 |
| Memorial Day | 35 00 |
| Rent of Play Ground | 15 00 |
| Boys' & Girls' Agri. Club work | 35 00 |
| Soldiers Memorial lot | 10 00 |

- Art. 10 To see if the town will vote to fix the compensation per hour to be allowed men, horses and oxen employed by the town on roads, sidewalks and bridges.
- Art. 11 To see if the town will fix per diem wage for Road Commissioner.
- Art. 12 To see if the town will vote "yes" or "no" on the question of appropriating and raising money necessary to entitle the town to State Aid as provided in chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes of 1916 and amendments thereto.
- Art. 13 To see if the town will appropriate and raise the sum of \$1066 for the construction of the State Aid Road as outlined in report of the State Highway Commission; this amount being in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways, and bridges; and being appropriated under the provisions, Chapter 25, the Revised Statutes of 1916 and amendments thereto to be applied as follows: One-half, approximately, on the extension of the section of State Aid Highway constructed in 1923 and located in the easterly part of the town; one-half, approximately, to the section now partly completed

in the westerly part of the town between the Bowdoin town line and the State Highway.

- Art. 14 To see if the town will vote to authorize its Selectmen and Treasurer to make temporary loans in anticipation of taxes.
- Art. 15 To see if the town will vote to allow a discount of 2 per cent on all taxes paid in cash before Aug. 1, 1924.
- Art. 16 To see if the town will authorize the Superintending School Committee to sell any or all of the following school buildings, provided that any reasonable offer may be obtained: the Brown's Point school buildings; the Lancaster school buildings; the Carding Machine Road school buildings; the school buildings on the Federal Road near the property of Frank Curtis.
- Art. 17 To see what action the town will take in regard to maintaining a school in the Millay school, this school having failed to have an average of eight scholars during the past year.
- Art. 18 To see if the town will vote to raise \$150 or more to gravel the Carding Machine Road beginning at the Richmond line.
- Art. 19 To see if the town will vote to raise \$100 to purchase hose for fire engine or act anything relating thereto.
- Art. 20 To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

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| R. A. Dickinson | } | Selectmen |
| W. J. Graves | | of |
| B. B. Douglass | | Bowdoinham |